

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claim 1. A kit for providing uniform engagement of mating portions of a ring binder assembly, each mating portion of said ring binder assembly having a length and a circumference comprising;

a first engagement element constructed and arranged for juxtaposed circumferential engagement about the entire length of a first mating portion of said ring binder assembly;

a second engagement element constructed and arranged for juxtaposed circumferential engagement about the entire length of a second mating portion of said ring binder assembly;

each of said first and second engagement elements being of a length and configuration to insure axial alignment of said mating portions upon closure of said ring binder assembly.

Claim 2. The kit of claim 1 wherein each of said first and second engagement elements is of unitary construction.

Claim 3. The kit of claim 1 wherein each of said first and second engagement elements is of segmented construction.

1           Claim 4. The kit of claim 1 wherein each of said  
2 engagement elements is constructed of a polymeric material.

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4           Claim 5. The kit of claim 4 wherein each of said  
5 engagement elements further includes an elastomeric inner  
6 layer.

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8           Claim 6. The kit of claim 5 wherein said elastomeric inner  
9 layer includes an adhesive inner layer.

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11          Claim 7. The kit of claim 1 wherein each of said  
12 engagement elements is constructed of a metal material.

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14          Claim 8. The kit of claim 7 wherein each of said  
15 engagement elements further includes an elastomeric inner  
16 layer.

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18          Claim 9. The kit of claim 8 wherein said elastomeric inner  
19 layer includes an adhesive inner layer.

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21          Claim 6. The kit as in any one of the proceeding claims,  
22 in which, said first and second engagement elements are sized  
23 for use with binder rings selected from the group of diameters  
24 consisting of a half inch, one inch, one and a half inches, two

1 inches, three inches, four inches and five inches.

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